

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 18 and allowed claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 and 19-22. Claims 10, 11 and 18 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 13, 15 and 17 remain cancelled. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 and 19-22 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWED CLAIMS:

The Examiner indicated 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16 and 19-22 as being allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,317,141 (Pavley) and U.S. Patent No. 5,859,623 (Meyn). As mentioned above, claim 18 is cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENT:

Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments to the claims because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance and do not introduce significant changes that would require a further search.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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